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## ABOUT THE STATE

The water system of Brandon is to be extended at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

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George Stewart, employed in a hardware store in Middlebury, was hit by the face by a rake, which fell from a tool rack. His left eye was injured.

W. A. Lawrence of Bristol has agreed to furnish a site and build a library upon it if the town will vote to maintain it. The matter will be decided at the annual March meeting.

Rutland will not have a free medical dispensary at present, as the committee appointed to investigate conditions there found that the present methods of caring for the poor are adequate.

The Burlington board of aldermen has voted authorization of an issue of city bonds to the amount of \$27,500 to pay for the public wharf at Lake Champlain that the citizens recently voted to buy.

Principal Tuttle of the Proctor High school and Palmer Powers, a post graduate student, have installed a complete wireless telegraph outfit at the school building. It successfully communicates with other wireless stations.

While leading some lumber on Newfane hill one day last week, Will Nide lost his balance and fell from a pile of boards, a distance of 15 feet. He struck on his feet, tearing the ligaments from his heel and injuring the bones.

This may be due to the almost inconceivable force of a flash of lightning, says a writer in Pearson's Weekly. It is estimated that a flash of lightning a mile long represents a pressure of discharge equal to 3,000,000,000 volts.

As such a spark lasts only about the thousandth part of a second the energy dissipated by the discharge is equal to 300,000 horsepower. Put in other words, if we could find some means of saving and using lightning we should be the richer by a good round sum for every flash.

Lightning is, as we know, usually accompanied by a peal of thunder, which is louder the nearer the hearer is to the point of the discharge, but this is not an invariable rule.

There are cases on record of most destructive lightning flashes which were unaccompanied by sound.

Such a phenomenon occurred at Bradford some years ago. What is described as "a silent thunderbolt" fell in a graveyard, destroying one monument and smashing to atoms nearly seventy glass cases containing wreaths and flowers.

In the same summer Swanscombe, in Kent, was terrified by a freak of lightning. All of a sudden a great mass of blue fire swept along the street, and next moment it was seen that the old parish church, built nearly 700 years ago, had been struck.

The building, with all its fine old carved oak, was soon a roaring furnace, and only a part of the chance was saved.

Scientists are still hopelessly at sea as to the cause of that peculiar phenomenon known as globe lightning. At Coventry some years ago during a violent thunderstorm it passed along a street like a soap bubble built of blue fire and drifted into a shed, where it exploded, blowing the roof off the place.

At Rheims, in France, a similar fire ball came into a cobbler's shop through the open window. The solitary occupant of the place sat perfectly still, paralyzed with terror, while his fearful viscount huddled for several seconds overhead. Then it moved toward the fireplace and presently passed up the chimney.

Next moment there was an explosion like a shell bursting and the upper part of the chimney came crashing down.

Not long ago Count G. Hamilton made a record of a similar freak of electricity. He was sitting at dinner at a house on Lake Wenner, in Sweden, when just after a vivid flash of lightning a brilliant white ball appeared over the table and after hanging poised there for some seconds went out with a loud bang.

Fortunately it did no harm to any one, although it was quite close to several people. Those who saw it suggested it was like a ball of cold lightning.

In November, 1802, Sydney, Australia, was visited by a terrific dust storm, in the midst of which a perfect rain of electric fireballs began to fall. These set fire to a number of houses, and a most appalling panic set in. A fire was raised that the end of the world was at hand, and people rushed out of their houses into the ink black dust streets.

The most amazing and terrifying displays of the power of lightning are seen on mountains. In 1890 a party was on the top of a mountain in the Caucasus when a huge violet ball, surrounded by vivid rays, struck a rock near by and, exploding like a bomb, burst into atoms. One of the party was badly hurt.

A Vermont Toll Gate.

The Springfield Sunday Republican contained the following interesting account of an old Vermont toll gate, probably the only one in New England.

"It is situated at the foot of the mountain on the road leading from Manchester to Pern and Bondyville. The tolls collected are automobile 50 cents, double team 25 cents Peewee and 10 cents Bondyway and eight cents Winhall way. This may seem queer that there should be such a difference in the rates according to which town you are going to or coming from, but when less than half way up the mountain the Winhall traveler turns off from the Turnpike road. This difference in the gate fare has caused many a penurious farmer to perceive his soul to save a few of these hard-earned pennies and it has developed a detective spirit in the gatekeeper in order to collect the honest toll."

"In 1814 the legislature granted a charter for the construction of a turnpike road five miles long beginning at the foot of the mountain leading up over the summit of Bromley mountain about a mile. Gen. Peter Dudley of Pern, father of Col. Homer A. Dudley of South Lond-

onderry, began building this road in 1810 and completed it in 1816. This was the main route from Boston to Saratoga and there was a large amount of travel over the turnpike until the building of railroads in 1850 diverted it. Since then the road has not been a paying proposition to its owners at times on account of the scarcity of travel, and the heavy expense attendant on keeping in repair five miles of mountain roads.

"With the advent of automobile travel this financial status of the proposition has been revolutionized. This mountain road is one of the main routes from New York City to the White Mountains and thus there is a large automobile travel during the summer months. During last season 1624 automobiles passed through this gate, which means \$812 of revenue. This was not thought of 15 years ago. The turnpike has usually been kept in good repair and the heavy travel has not seriously damaged it."

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